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SBUBJ: LNG PROJECT

REF: STATE 124417; POS 715

1. AMOCO OFFICIALS HERE OF OPINION NATURAL GAS PIPELINE
INTENDS TO LET ITS OPTION WITH NEWPORT NEWS FOR TWO LNG
TANKERS EXPIRE JUNE 30, THOUGH THEY ARE NOT 100 PERCENT
URTAIN.#

THEY MAKE NO MENTION OF 10-DAY RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL;
RATHER THEY ALLEGE THAT NEWPORT NEWS WOULD PREFER OPTIONS
TO BE DROPPED SO THAT IT CAN BUILD OTHER TYPES OF SHIPS
WITH FASTER PAYOUT.

2. NEVERTHELESS AMOCO HERE NOW SOMEWHAT LESS PESSIMISTIC
ABOUT RESULTS OF CANCELLING SHIP OPTIONS, SAYING PROJECT WOULD
NOT BE DEAD BUT WOULD SURELY BE DELAYED, PERHAPS BY YEAR OR TWO,
BECAUSE OF NECESSITY OF GOING TO ANOTHER SHIPYARD. FEELING IS
THAT BOTH GOTT AND ITS FRENCH ADVISORS WOULD PREFER FRENCH SHIP-
YARD BUT THAT IN THE END SHIPS WOULD PROBABLY STILL BE BUILT IN
U.S. AVONDALE SHIPYARDS INC. IN NEW ORLEANS MENTIONED AS ONE
YARD THAT COULD BUILD TO FRENCH DESIGN AS NEWPORT WOULD
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HAVE.

3. FOUNDERS COMMITTEE APPARENTLY STILL SCHEDULED TO MEET HERE
JULY 11. WE ASSUME EXIM WILL GRANT REQUESTED EXTENSION OF
ITS PRELIMINARY COMMITMENTS TO END OF YEAR.
MARSHALL

NOTE BY OC/T: #AS RECEIVED. WILL BE SERVICED ON REQUEST.

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